

APPENDIX C1

Attendance and Absence in Aberdeen City Schools 2012/13

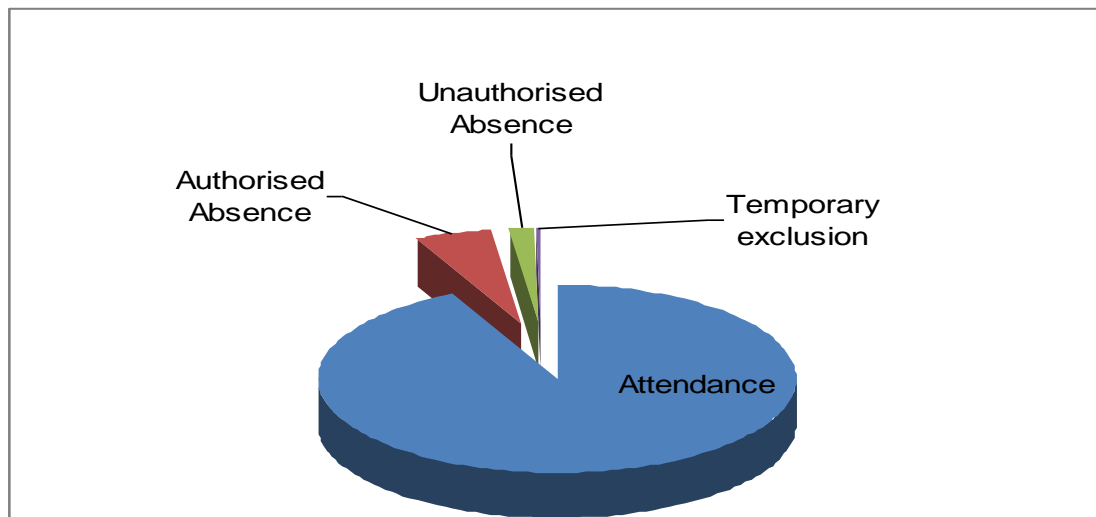
This is a brief summary of Attendance, Absence and Exclusions in Aberdeen City schools. The attendance, absence and exclusions data is collated by the Scottish Government and is used for monitoring and to inform policy making. From 2012, the Scottish Government only collect this data every 2 years and Attendance and Absence in Scottish Schools data is usually published in December. The main point of contact for this briefing is: Ljiljana Pavlenic, Development Officer, Performance Improvement (☎523241 📧lpavlenic@aberdeencity.gov.uk).

The overall attendance in Aberdeen City schools was 93 per cent and remained at the same level as in 2010/11. The total absence (authorised and unauthorised) in the authority schools was 7 per cent and absence from schools due to temporary exclusions accounted for 0.1 per cent of half days. Both values unchanged from 2010/11.

Table 1: Aberdeen City, Percentage of days Attendance and Absence, 2008/08 to 2012/13

	Attendance	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence	Total Absence	Temporary Exclusions
2012/13	93	5.1	1.9	7	0.1
2011/12	na	na	na	na	na
2010/11	93	5.1	1.8	6.9	0.1
2009/10	93.4	5	1.5	6.5	0.1
2008/09	93.1	4.9	1.9	6.8	0.1

Graph1: Aberdeen City, Attendance and Absence in 2012/13



The rate of attendance:

- for primary schools was 94.3 per cent (94.5 per cent in 2010/11),
- for secondary schools was 91.3 per cent (91.2 per cent in 2010/11) and
- for special schools was 85.7 per cent (85.3 per cent in 2010/11).

There was little difference in attendance and absence rates by reason for primary, secondary and special schools from 2010/11. In 2012/13, in 1.6 per cent of openings, pupils were recorded as arriving late in the first half of the morning or afternoon.

Table 2: Aberdeen City, Percentage Attendance and Absence by detailed reason

	2010/11	2012/13
Attendance	93.0	93.0
In school	91.1	91.1
Late	1.8	1.6
Work experience	0.2	0.2
Sick with educational provision	0	0.0
Authorised absence	5.1	5.1
Sick with no educational provision	4.1	4.1
Very late	0.1	0.1
Authorised holidays	0	0.0
Exceptional domestic circumstances	-	0.0
Other authorised absence	1	0.9
Unauthorised absence	1.8	1.9
Unauthorised holidays	0.6	0.7
Truancy or unexplained absence	1	1.1
Unauthorised exceptional domestic circumstances	0	0.0
Other unauthorised absence	0.1	0.0
Temporary exclusion	0.1	0.1

"-"= nil or rounds to nil

Attendance and Absence Primary Schools

The rate of attendance for primary schools was 94.3 per cent, almost the same as in 2010/11 (94.5 per cent). Absence from primary schools (authorised and unauthorised) was 5.7 per cent, just marginally higher than in 2010/11.

Table 3: Percentage absence from primary schools

	2010/11	2012/13
Authorised Absence	4.2	4.2
Unauthorised Absence	1.3	1.5

In 2012/13, in 1.2 per cent of openings, pupils were recorded as arriving late in the first half of the morning or afternoon. Absence from primary schools due to temporary exclusions accounted for just 0.04 per cent of half days.

Table 4: Primary Schools, Percentage Attendance and Absence by detailed reason

	2010/11	2012/13
Attendance	94.5	94.3
In school	93.4	93.1
Late	1.1	1.2
Work experience	0.0	0.0
Sick with educational provision	0.0	0.0
Authorised absence	4.2	4.2
Sick with no educational provision	3.5	3.5
Very late	0.0	0.0
Authorised holidays	0.1	0.0
Exceptional domestic circumstances	-	0.0
Other authorised absence	0.6	0.6
Unauthorised absence	1.3	1.5
Unauthorised holidays	0.8	0.9
Truancy or unexplained absence	0.5	0.6
Unauthorised exceptional domestic circumstances	0.0	0.0
Other unauthorised absence	0.0	0.0
Temporary exclusion	0.0	0.0

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Attendance and Absence Secondary Schools

The rate of attendance for secondary schools was 91.3 per cent, just 0.1 per cent higher than in 2012/13. Absence from secondary schools (authorised and unauthorised) was 8.6 per cent, same as in 2010/11.

Table5: Percentage absence from secondary schools

	2010/11	2012/13
Authorised Absence	6.2	6.3
Unauthorised Absence	2.4	2.3

In 2012/13, in 2.3 per cent of openings, pupils were recorded as arriving late in the first half of the morning or afternoon. Absence from secondary schools due to temporary exclusions was 0.1 percent and is lower than in 2010/11.

Table 6: Secondary Schools, Percentage Attendance and Absence by detailed reason

	2010/11	2012/13
Attendance	91.2	91.3
In school	88.2	88.4
Late	2.6	2.3
Work experience	0.4	0.5
Sick with educational provision	0	0.0
Authorised absence	6.2	6.3
Sick with no educational provision	4.8	4.9
Very late	0.1	0.1
Authorised holidays	0	0.0
Exceptional domestic circumstances	-	0.0
Other authorised absence	1.3	1.2
Unauthorised absence	2.4	2.3
Unauthorised holidays	0.4	0.5
Truancy or unexplained absence	1.7	1.7
Unauthorised exceptional domestic circumstances	0	0.0
Other unauthorised absence	0.3	0.1
Temporary exclusion	0.2	0.1

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Attendance and Absence Special Schools

The rate of attendance for special schools was 85.7 per cent, a slight increase from 85.3 per cent in 2010/11. Absence from special schools (authorised and unauthorised) was 13.9 per cent, a marginal decrease from 14.3 per cent in 2010/11.

Table 7: Percentage absence from special schools

	2010/11	2012/13
Authorised Absence	10.5	9.8
Unauthorised Absence	3.9	4.0

Absence from special schools due to temporary exclusions accounted for 0.5 per cent of half days, just slightly up from 0.3 per cent in 2010/11.

Table 8: Special Schools, Percentage Attendance and Absence by reason

	2010/11	2012/13
Attendance	85.3	85.7
In school	84.8	85.4
Late	0.2	0.1
Work experience	0.3	0.1
Sick with educational provision	0	0.0

Authorised absence	10.5	9.8
Sick with no educational provision	6.8	8.0
Very late	0.1	0.0
Authorised holidays	0.2	0.3
Exceptional domestic circumstances	0	0.0
Other authorised absence	3.3	1.5
Unauthorised absence	3.9	4.0
Unauthorised holidays	0.3	0.4
Truancy or unexplained absence	3	3.1
Unauthorised exceptional domestic circumstances	0	0.1
Other unauthorised absence	0.6	0.4
Temporary exclusion	0.3	0.5